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January 15, 2008

The Honorable Jim Gibbons
Governor of Nevada
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Dear Governor Gibbons:

I have given a lot of thought to the role of the Board as opposed to that of the Director. For all of recent history, if not longer, the Board has not been involved in the budget process. I suspect that is for multiple reasons. The Board not wanting to assume the liability of budget decisions being the lesser of the two primary ones. I believe the requirement for notification and public hearings, added to the IFC process and the Department of Administration review and approval would make this a very non-responsive, excessively long process and the major reason the past Boards have not involved themselves in budgetary decisions.

There are currently approximately 250 administrative regulations and nearly 150 medical directives. These regulations have delegated significant authority for the daily management of the Department to the Director. Again, given the public notification requirements as well as the schedules of the Board, timely response to decisions would be difficult if not impossible and would jeopardize staff and inmate safety, the ability to operate efficiently and place the Board in the middle of the numerous law suits the Department regularly responds to.

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If I can provide any additional input to the Board, I would be pleased to do so.

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Howard Skolnik
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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
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The Honorable Ross Miller
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